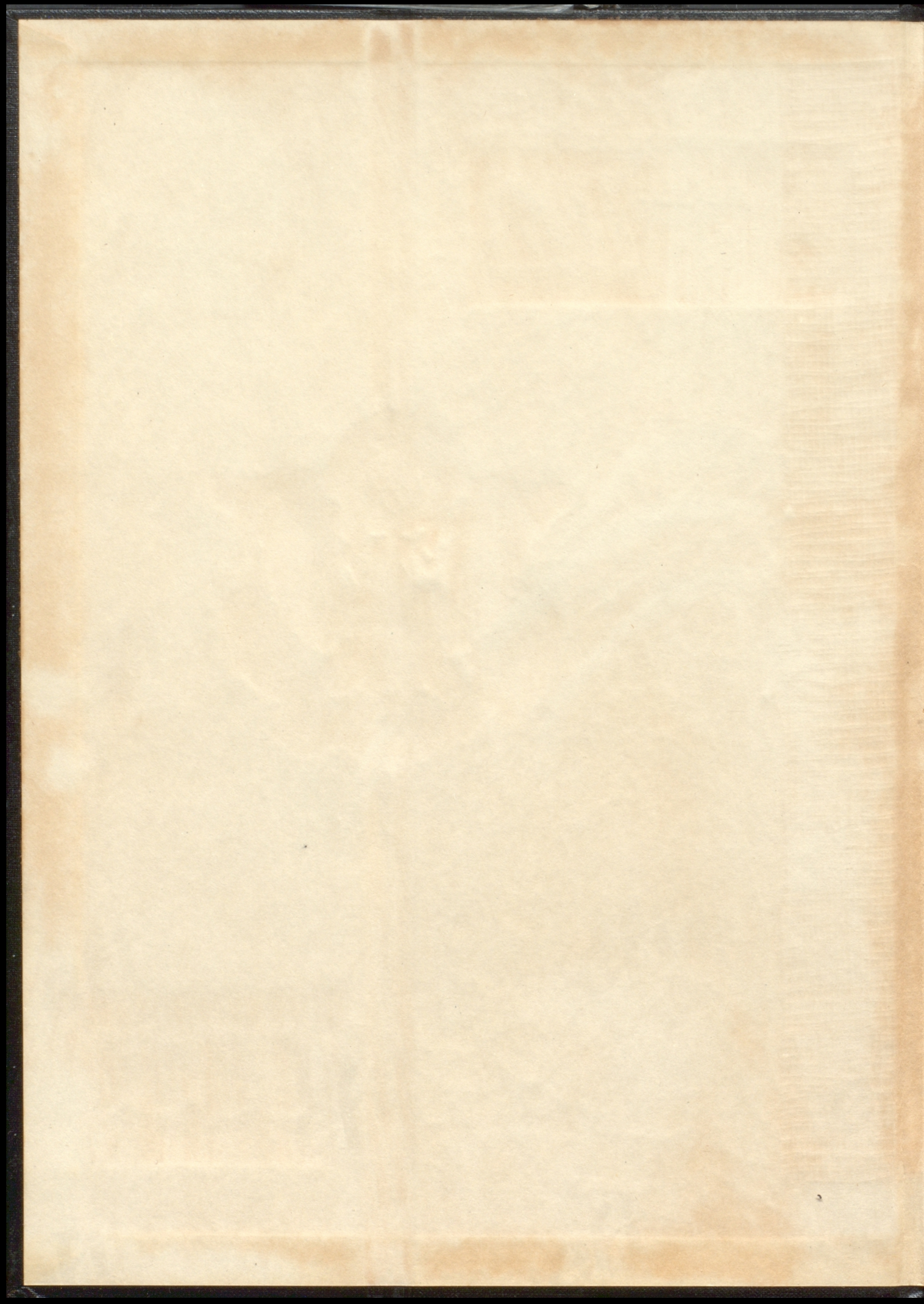


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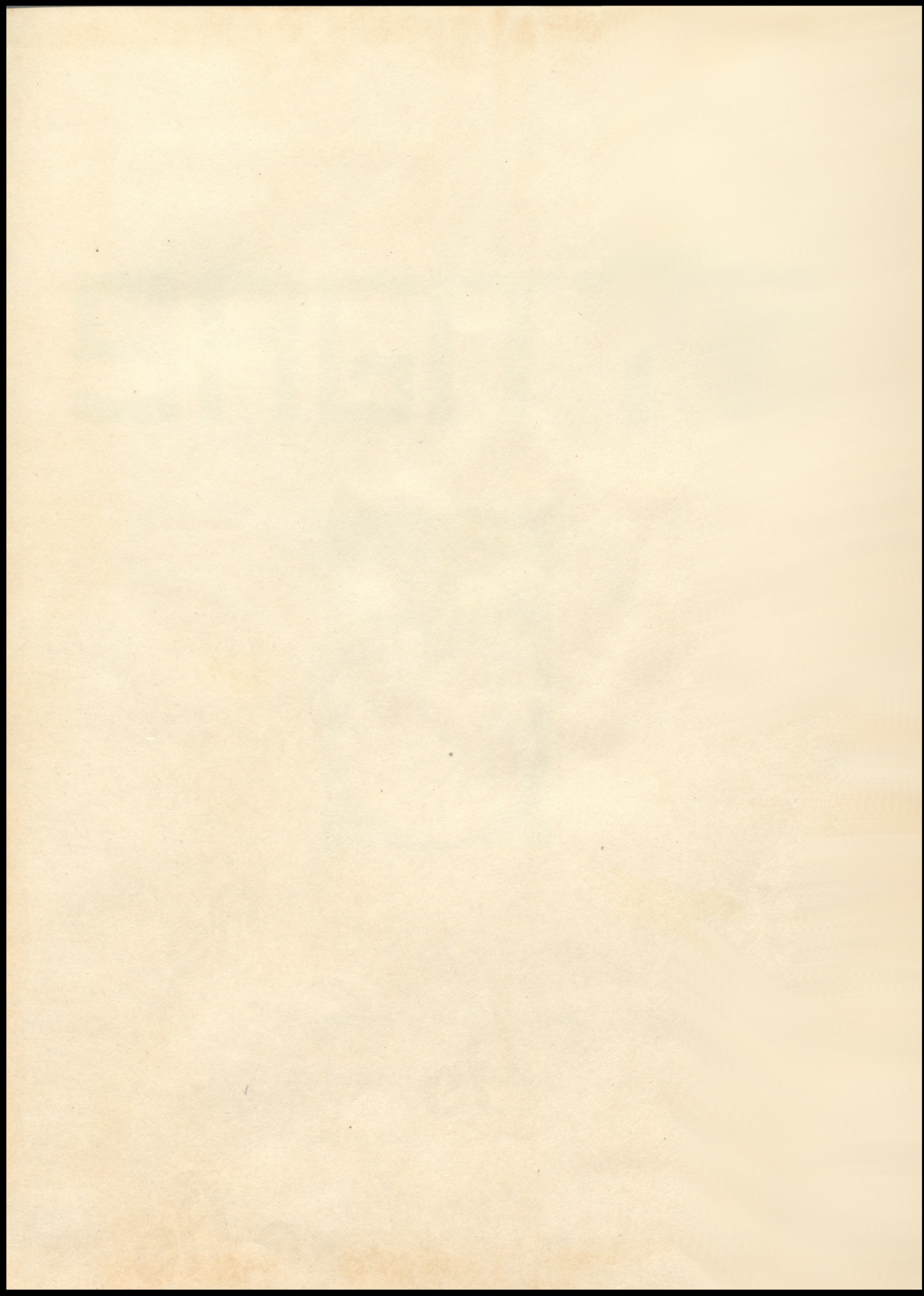


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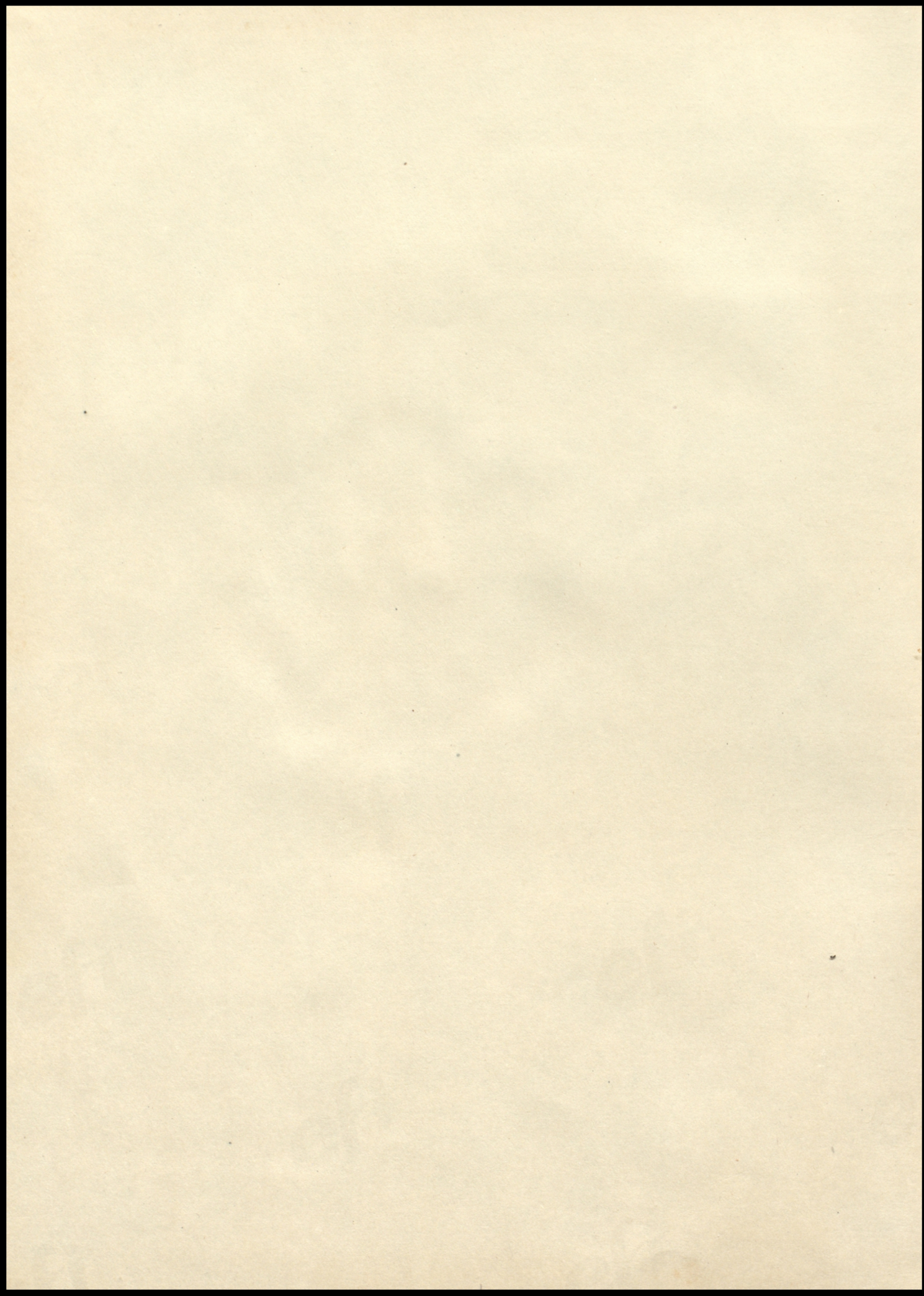














# SAGITTA



Published by the Class of 1944

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Suffield, Connecticut



# *FOREWORD*

It has been our privilege to record within these pages the highlights of the class of 1944. We hope the material we have collected may serve the students of Suffield High School as a reminder of pleasant days spent there.

In spite of the many changes that this, the greatest war in history have brought, these four years have been happy ones, in which we have made many friends, enjoyed various forms of recreation and acquired knowledge.

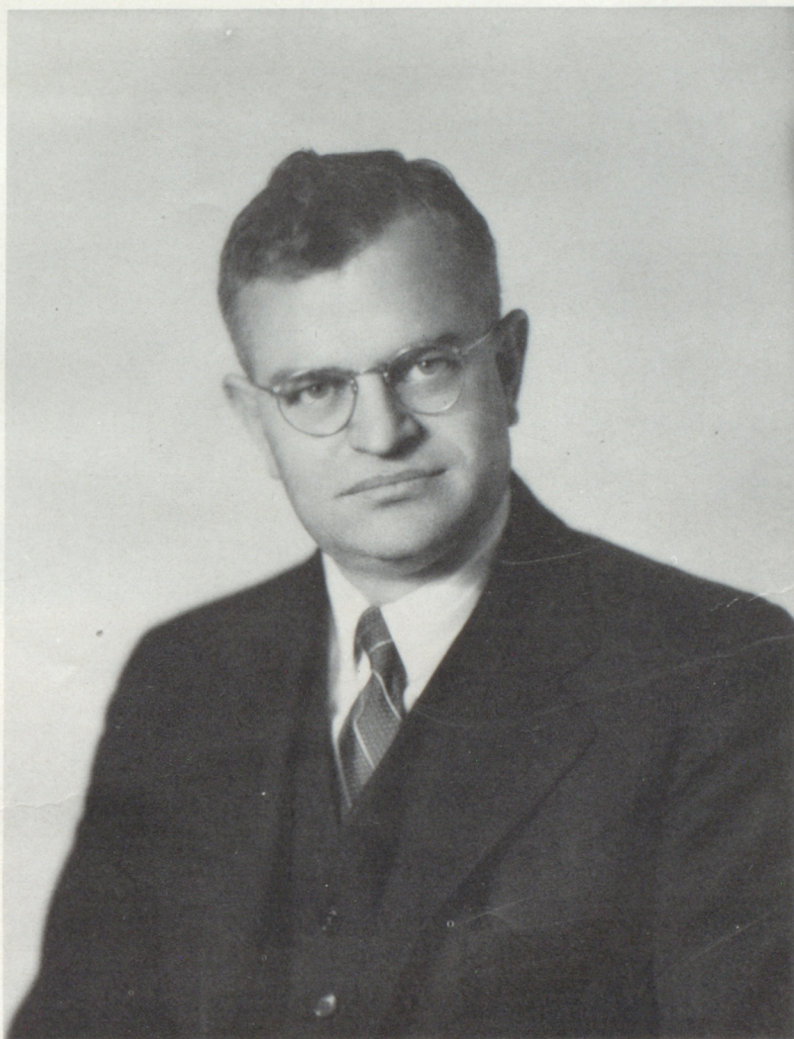
We, the class of 1944, present SAGITTA.

## CLASS MOTTO

*There is a crown for us all somewhere.*



# DEDICATION



We, the graduating class of nineteen hundred and forty-four, dedicate the "Sagitta" to Mr. Edwin W. Davis, who has so cheerfully and willingly worked with us and to whom we owe much for his encouragement and inspiration in making this yearbook a success.



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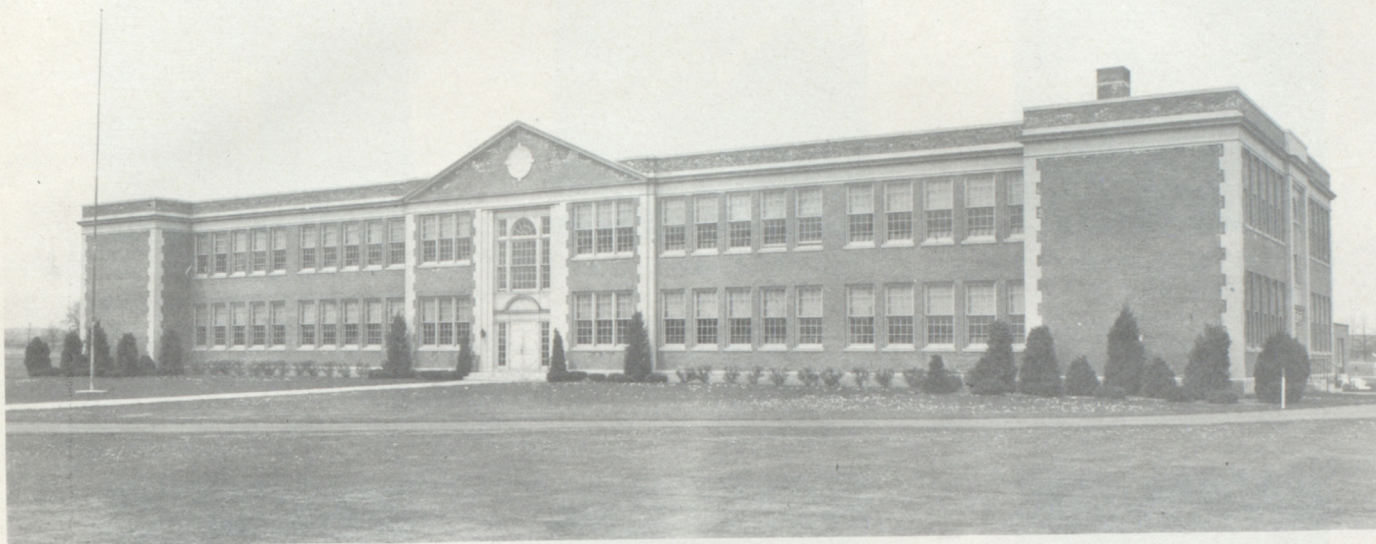
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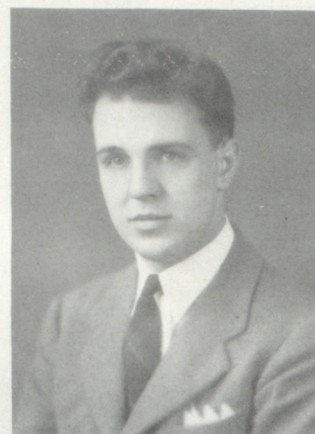




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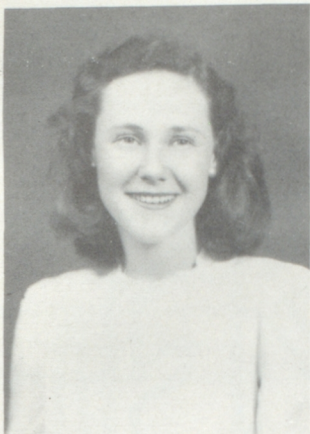


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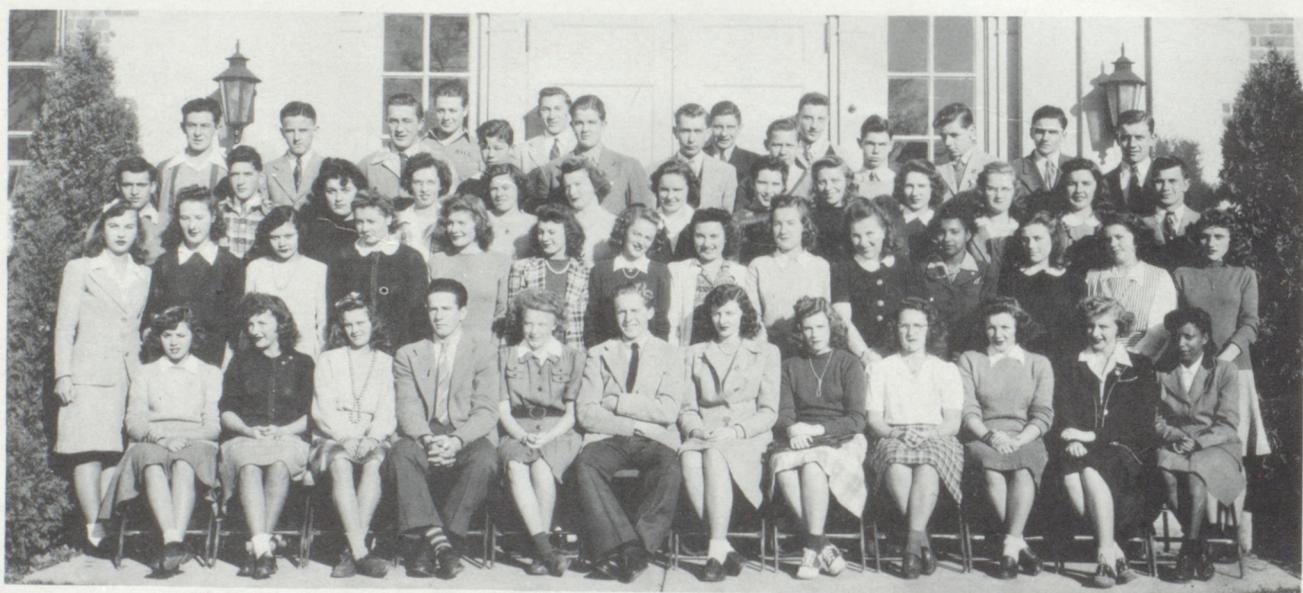
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### CLASS OF 1944

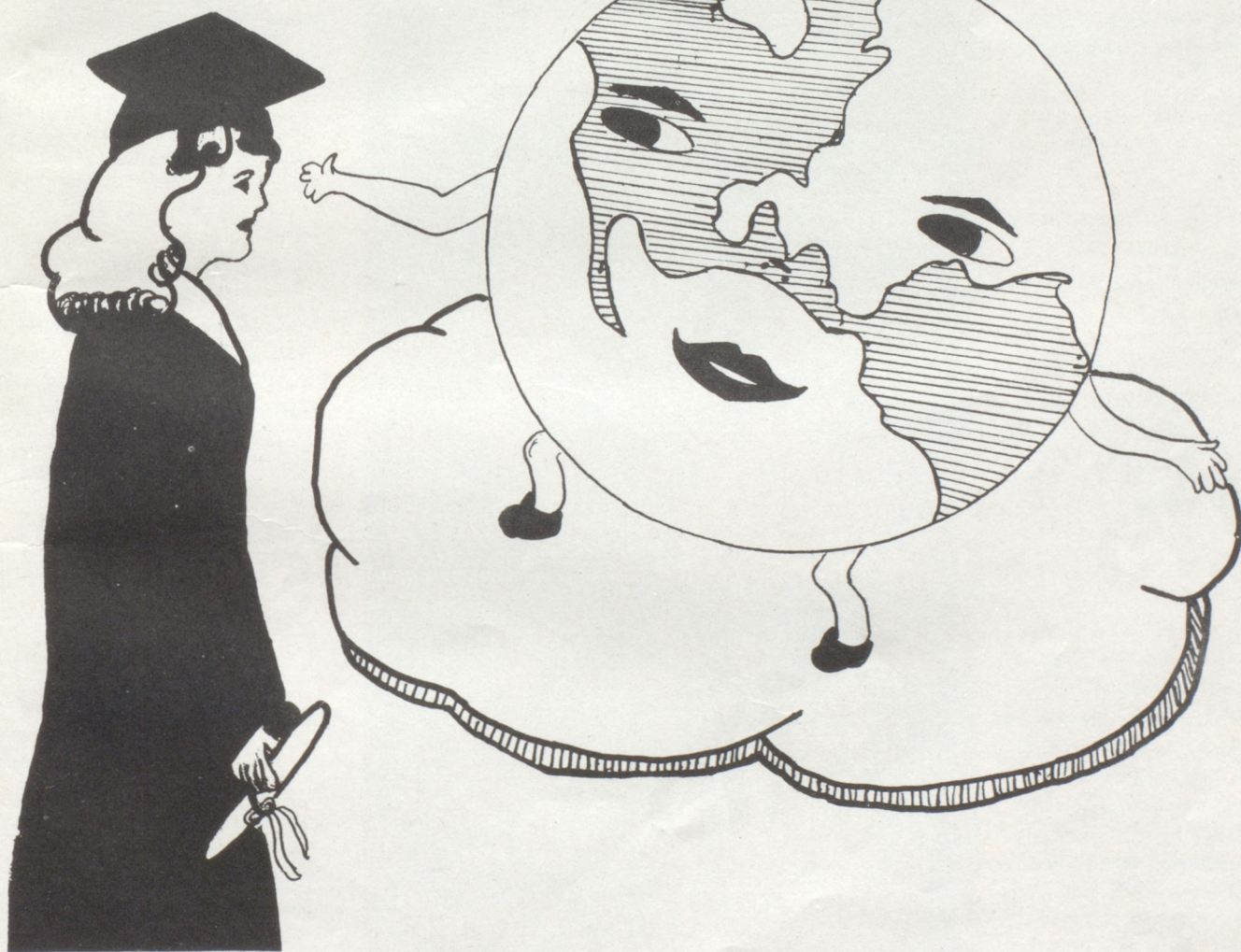
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HERE  
WE  
COME





LOIS M. BAILEY

"Lolly"

Lois is a pretty girl with such lovely hair

To look at her you wouldn't think she ever had a care.

Future Plans: Secretary

Activities: Glee Club 2-3-4; Library Club 2; Mixed Chorus



MALCOLM BROCKETT

"Bud"

Bud says the Navy is the place for him,

We all do know, he has plenty of vim.

Future Plans: Navy

Activities: Dancing Club 1-2; Rifle 1-2; Glee Club 1-2-3; Orchestra 1-2-3; Dramatic Club 4; Senior Patrol 4; Yearbook Committee; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3

JULIA H. BEACH

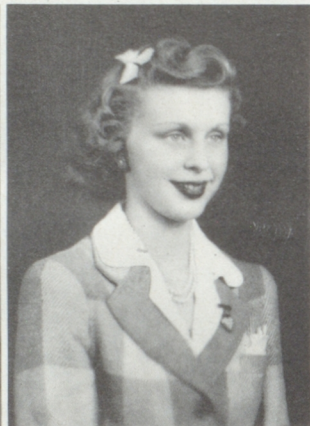
"Judy"

Efficiency plus—is Judy's aim

We know, for herself, she'll make a name.

Future Plans: Secretary

Activities: Glee Club 2-3; Reader's Reflection 4; Dancing Club 2



MARY E. COATES

"Beth"

To be a nurse is Beth's great aim

We know she'll rise and speed to fame.

Future Plans: Nurse

Activities: Prom Committee 3; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2; Dramatic Club 4; Dancing Club 1-2; Reader's Reflection 4; Basketball 4

DOROTHY M. BLAKESLEY

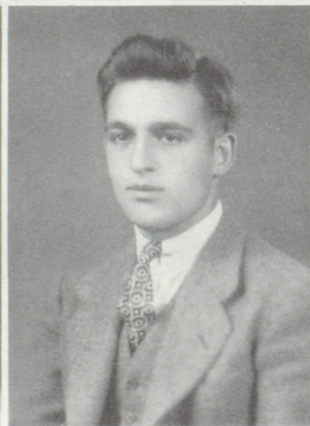
"Dottie"

Dottie is a jolly girl, who is full of fun

She's liked a lot by all the class, whose friendship she has won.

Future Plans: Secretary

Activities: Glee Club 2-3-4; Library Club 3-4; Class President 2; Dancing Club 1-2; Cheerleader 4; Reader's Reflection 4



ARMOND C. CONTE

"Duke"

Armond's the star of the basketball team

To excel in all sports is his manly dream.

Future Plans: Gymnastic Instructor

Activities: Student Council 2; Basketball 2-3-4; Baseball 1-2; Senior Patrol 4; Dancing Club 1

IRENE D. BRACKONESKI

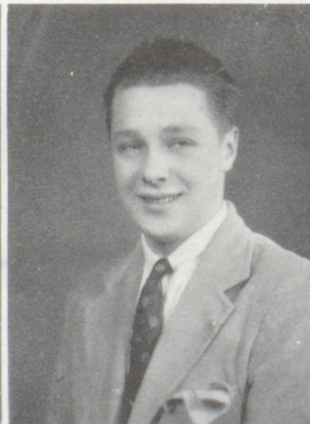
"Renie"

In dress and charm she's at her best

Life for her is full of zest.

Future Plans: Secretary

Activities: Glee Club 2-3-4; Library Club 2; Reader's Reflection 3-4



WILLIAM C. DALEY

"Bill"

Noise is Billy's middle name

But we all like him just the same.

Future Plans: Technical Designer

Activities: Rifle Club 3; Aviation Club 2; Senior Patrol 4



CHARLES R. DAMON ✓

"Chick"

Charlie's in the Navy blue  
He's gone to fight for me and  
you.

Future Plans: Navy

Activities: Dramatic Club 4; Glee  
Club 2-4; Senior Patrol 4;  
Dancing Club 1-2; Basketball  
4; Yearbook Committee; Vice  
President 4; Fire Fighters 3



VIOLA B. DUNI

"Vi"

Viola aims to report the news  
While the wonders of the world  
she views.

Future Plans: News Reporter

Activities: Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Li-  
brary Club 2-3; Reader's Re-  
flection 3; Cheerleader 2-3-4;  
Basketball 1-2-3-4; Mixed Cho-  
rus 2; Dancing Club 1-2



KENNETH M. DAYTON ✓

"Kenny"

Kenny was voted the cutest boy  
in our senior class

This can be proved by Kenny's  
peering in the looking glass.

Future Plans: Army Air Corps

Activities: Glee Club 1-2; Dra-  
matic Club 4; Fire Fighters 3;  
Orchestra 1; Vice President 1;  
Senior Patrol 4; Dancing Club  
1; Student Council 1; Mixed  
Chorus 1



ELEANOR F. DURNAKOWSKI

"Ellie"

Eleanor's hair is natural; she  
doesn't need a wave

It curls itself and looks so nice  
that everyone does rave.

Future Plans: Secretary

Activities: Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Dra-  
matic Club 4; Basketball 2-3-  
4; Dancing Club 4; Reader's  
Reflection 1-2-3-4; Yearbook  
Committee; Mixed Chorus 1-2;  
Library Club 2-3



ROSE M. DESTROMP

"Rosie"

Neat as a pin, quiet as a mouse  
Maybe she's dissatisfied, but she'll  
never "grouse."

Future Plans: Typist



ANNA M. EDMONDS

"Nan"

Anna has the brains of a very  
clever lass

She is a credit to the senior class.

Future Plans: Career

Activities: Basketball 1-2-4; Glee  
Club 4; Reader's Reflection 3



FRANCIS L. DUNAI ✓

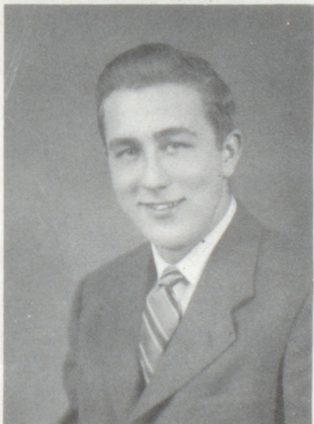
"Speed"

Francis is a drowsy lad, who'd  
like to sleep all day

But he'd also like to fly a plane  
and pass the time away.

Future Plans: Army Air Corps

Activities: Class President 3; Sen-  
ior Patrol 4; Fire Fighters 3;  
Glee Club; Prom Committee 3;  
Orchestra 1



JAMES E. EDMONDS ✓

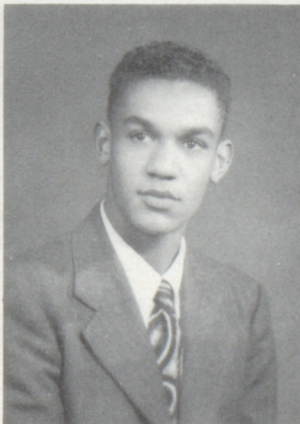
"Jim"

Jimmie is a quiet lad, who now is  
in the service.

When he arrives across the sea the  
Japs may well be nervous.

Future Plans: Navy

Activities: Glee Club 3-4; Senior  
Patrol 4; Basketball 3-4





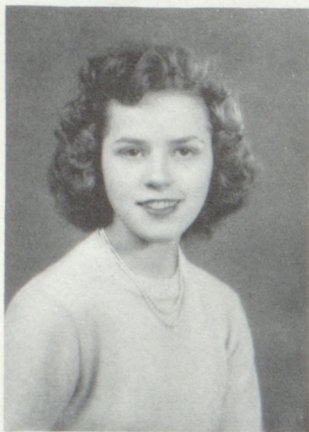
HELEN M. FALKOWSKI

"Helen"

Helen may be like Tom Thumb  
But oh—can Helen make things  
hum!

Future Plans: Secretary

Activities: Reader's Reflection 3-  
4; Dancing Club 3



JAMES E. FORD

"Jimmie"

Jimmie has a little car that is  
just like his name.

In that, just like the senior class,  
he'll speed to fame.

Future Plans: "To live on easy  
street."

Activities: Basketball 1-2-3; Base-  
ball 1-2; Glee Club 2-4; Senior  
Patrol 4



RICHARD E. HASTINGS

"Dick"

Dick is just another lad, who  
wants to be a gob

From past events we all do know  
that he'll be on the job!

Future Plans: Navy

Activities: Senior Patrol 4; Danc-  
ing Club 1-2



JUNE E. HINCKLEY

"Hinky"

June is always telling jokes

To make sad people happy folks.

Future Plans: Business

Activities: Library Club Presi-  
dent 3; Glee Club 4



HENRY W. GRABOWSKI

"Hank"

Henry may be kind o' small

But Henry's line is awful tall.

Future Plans: Marines

Activities: Dramatic Club 4; Class  
President 1; Dancing Club 1-2;  
Senior Patrol 4; Prom Commit-  
tee 3; Reader's Reflection 3-4



JOHN K. JURKOWSKI

"Chubby"

Johnny says he hates the girls,  
but Johnny soon will find

That in years to come, just like  
the rest, he will change his  
mind.

Future Plans: Marines

Activities: Senior Patrol 4; Glee  
Club 3-4; Fire Fighters 2-3



PAUL C. HAAS

"Fibber"

Paul wants to join the merchant  
marine

And help keep the world calm  
and serene!

Future Plans: Merchant Marine

Activities: Glee Club 2; Senior  
Patrol 4



JOHN J. KENNEDY, JR.

"Jackie"

Jackie, while in school, is quiet.  
But get him outside—is he a riot!

Future Plans: Marines

Activities: Glee Club 1; Senior  
Patrol 4; Dancing Club 1-2





THOMAS F. KENNEDY, JR.

*"Tommy"*

Tommy likes to tease the girls,  
Make remarks and pull their  
curls.

Future Plans: Army Air Corps  
Activities: Rifle Club 3; Senior  
Patrol 4; Student Council 4;  
Dancing Club 1-2; Reader's Re-  
flection 4; Dramatic Club 4



HENRY P. KOSINSKI

*"Hank"*

Henry likes to play the drums in  
our high school band

Everyone that hears him play  
thinks it sounds just grand.

Future Plans: Naval Air Corps  
Activities: Glee Club 4; Senior  
Patrol 4; Dramatic Club 4; Or-  
chestra 4

JANE KINGSBURY

*"Janie"*

Janie has a winning smile  
Life to her is so worth while!  
Future Plans: College

Activities: Glee Club 2-3-4; Dra-  
matic Club 4; Student Council  
2; Dancing Club 2; Reader's  
Reflection 4; Yearbook Com-  
mittee



FRANK W. KOTOWSKI

*"Frankie"*

To read good books is Frankie's  
joy

Besides being a good sport he's a  
studious boy.

Future Plans: Seabees—See the  
world

Activities: Vice President 3; Fire  
Fighters 3; Glee Club 1-4; Sen-  
ior Patrol 4

HELEN E. KOC

*"Red"*

Red's the lass who likes to raise  
"merriment" instead of praise.

Future Plans: Business

Activities: Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Li-  
brary Club 3; Dancing Club 2-  
3; Reader's Reflection 2; Bas-  
ketball 2



STANLEY G. LABOUNTY

Stanley has a Vermont twang,  
which he acquired there

Stanley also is the kind that will  
always take a dare.

Future Plans—Navy

Activities: Senior Patrol 4

FRANCES L. KORPUSINSKI

*"Korpy"*

A secretary she wants to be,  
And so she will, you wait and  
see!

Future Plans: Secretary

Activities: Glee Club 2-3; Read-  
er's Reflection 3-4; Library  
Club 3



LEONA T. MALINOSKI

*"Lee"*

Leona's virtue is her way of being  
different every day.

Future Plans: Hairdresser

Activities: Glee Club 3-4; Mixed  
Chorus 1-2; Dramatic Club 4;  
Library Club 3



PATRICIA M. McKENNA

"Pat"

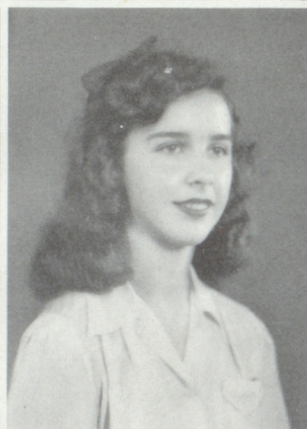
Patty likes a lot of fun  
When the work of school is done.  
Future Plans: Secretary  
Activities: Glee Club 2-3-4; Library Club 3; Mixed Chorus 2; Reader's Reflection 3-4



SHIRLEY V. MUNSON

"Shirl"

Shirley's voice is sweet and clear,  
It's well known from far and near.  
Future Plans: Uncertain  
Activities: Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2; Library Club 3-4; Dramatic Club 4; Class Secretary 1; Class Treasurer 4; Reader's Reflection 4; Dancing Club 1-2



ELEANOR P. MODZELESKY

"Ellie"

Eleanor's hair is always neat  
For her sister's shop can't be beat.  
Future Plans: Business  
Activities: Glee Club 4; Library Club 3; Reader's Reflection 2-3-4



FRANCES E. MORELL

"Frannie"

Frannie is the cutie of our senior class  
She's full of smiles and really is a darling little lass.  
Future Plans: Career  
Activities: Library Club 3; Reader's Reflection 4; Dramatic Club 4; Yearbook Committee



ALICE M. MORRIS

"Al"

Alice is a busy little lass.  
She's done the most for the senior class.  
Future Plans: Nurse  
Activities: Library Club 3; Reader's Reflection 4; Dramatic Club 4; Yearbook Committee; Class Secretary 2-3-4; Ring Committee 2



JANE M. ORGANEK

"Janie"

Jane is an efficient lass:  
She's the typist of our class.  
Future Plans: Private Secretary  
Activities: Glee Club 3-4; Library Club 3; Class Treasurer 2; Yearbook Committee; Reader's Reflection 3-4

AGNES C. PHILLIPS

"Aggie"

"To be secretary," Agnes says, "is my future plan."  
The day will come when Agnes says, "I'm going to get a man!"  
Future Plans: Secretary  
Activities: Glee Club 3-4; Library Club 3; Reader's Reflection 3-4; Dancing Club 2

ANNE E. PTAK

"Tack"

Anne always smiles at everyone:  
The kids all say "she's loads of fun."  
Future Plans: Secretary  
Activities: Reader's Reflection 1-2-3-4





FRANK E. PYSZ

*"Tinkey"*

Frankie's quite a lady's man in his own good way.

He's always talking to the girls at any time of day.

Future Plans: Navy

Activities: Senior Patrol 4; Dancing Club 1-2



HELEN M. RYDZ

*"Ritzie"*

Ritzie has a flair for art, And for our school paper she's done her part.

Future Plans: Business Career

Activities: Glee Club 2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Orchestra 1-2-4; Reader's Reflection 4; Vice President 1

REGINA V. RADZIEWSKI

*"Gene"*

An office job she wants to get. Soon, we hope, she'll be "all set."

Future Plans: Secretary

Activities: Reader's Reflection 2-3-4



FRANCES SHARPE

*"Fran"*

Frances is a silent soul in our class of girls.

We wonder if she'd yell out loud if someone pulled her curls!

Future Plans: Beautician

Activities: Glee Club 4; Knitwits Club 2

MARJORIE A. RINGLAND

*"Marge"*

Marge's jokes are full of corn, But when she's gone the kids'll mourn.

Future Plans: Uncertain

Activities: Library Club 3-4; Reader's Reflection 4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Dancing Club 1-2; Dramatic Club 4; Mixed Chorus 2



MARY L. SHELDON

*"Mae"*

"To keep books" is our Mary's aim:

We hope she'll always feel the same.

Future Plans: Bookkeeper

Activities: Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Dramatic Club 4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3; Dancing Club 2

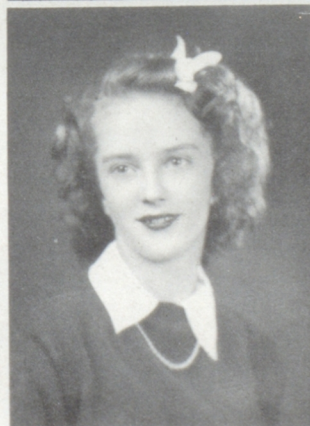
MARIE F. REHNBERG

*"Tiny"*

To be a nurse is her ambition We hope Marie fills this position.

Future Plans: Nurse

Activities: Entered from Farmington High, 1943; Glee Club 4



MARJORIE E. SIVULA

*"Marj"*

Marjorie is the Senior Shorty: May she grow tall before she's forty.

Future Plans: College

Activities: Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3; Dramatic Club 4; Reader's Reflection 4; Dancing Club 1-2



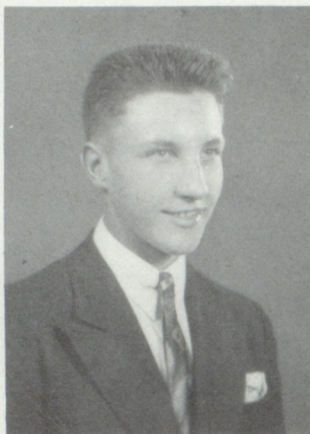
ANNE C. SMIEGAL

"Annie"

Anne is such a quiet girl; we don't know much about her,  
But we can say with truthfulness,  
"What would we do without her?"

Future Plans: Nurse

Activities: Glee Club 2-3-4; Reader's Reflection 4; Dancing Club 2



EDWARD ZACZYŃSKI

"Eddie"

Eddie is a brilliant lad, a cadet he wants to be

At West Point, so he can help and keep his country free.

Future Plans—Army

Activities: Baseball 2-3; Rifle Club; Dancing Club 1-2; Class Treasurer 3; Boy's Representative 3



GLORIA M. SMITH

"Smitty"

A very good secretary, Gloria will be

To some lucky man you wait and see.

Future Plans: Secretary

Activities: Reader's Reflection 2-3-4; Dancing Club 1-2-3; Prom Committee 3; Library Club 3

EDWARD F. ZDUN

"Eddie"

Eddie's car is his great delight

We hope he doesn't smash it up some night!

Future Plans: Naval Air Corps

Activities: Glee Club 3-4; Dramatic Club 4; Senior Patrol 4



DOROTHY E. SWEATLAND

"Dot"

Dottie plays her guitar very well,  
While singing stories the cow-boys tell.

Future Plans: Bookkeeper

Activities: Glee Club 2-3-4; Dramatic Club 4; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Dancing Club 2

FLORENCE K. ZENESKY

"Flo"

Florence is a jolly blonde, who wants to type and file

She'll keep the office happy and be busy all the while!

Future Plans: Secretary

Activities: Student Council 1; Reader's Reflection 2-3-4; Glee Club 1



BARBARA F. TAYLOR

"Barb"

Barbara is a noted "wit,"

And for the class she's done her bit.

Future Plans: Actress

Activities: Glee Club 2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Reader's Reflection 2-4; Dancing Club 1-2-3; Yearbook Committee; Rifle Club; Library Club 4

STANLEY W. ZUKOWSKI

"Stan"

Stanley is a quiet lad, whose hair is always mussed

Stanley says it won't stay down no matter how he's fussed.

Future Plans: Naval Air Corps

Activities: Glee Club 3-4; Senior Patrol 4; Dramatic Club 4; Basketball Manager 4; Dancing Club 1





### STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is a group composed of one representative from each home room. Its chief function was to initiate and regulate projects of common interest to the school.

The Council gave generously of its time to the War Stamp Drive. The members also formulated and participated in assembly programs, being assisted by faculty members.



### SENIOR PATROL

The Senior Patrol was composed of senior boys. It was organized for the purpose of directing student traffic in the corridors of the High School.





#### JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

*President*—Paul Ford

*Vice-President*—Margaret Trudo

*Secretary*—Eileen Sullivan

*Treasurer*—Roy Gallant

#### SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

*President*—Wallace Drenzek

*Vice-President*—Shirley Barnett

*Secretary*—Mary Lou Kingsbury

*Treasurer*—Mary Lou Kingsbury



#### FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

*President*—Paul Pacwicz

*Vice-President*—Eugene Pysz

*Secretary*—Mary Donelly

*Treasurer*—Jean King



## CLASS OF 1948

### OFFICERS

*President*—Frederick Brockett

*Vice-President*—Carol Jones

*Secretary*—Robert Coates

*Treasurer*—Henry Zavisza



## CLASS OF 1949

### OFFICERS

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## ART CLASS





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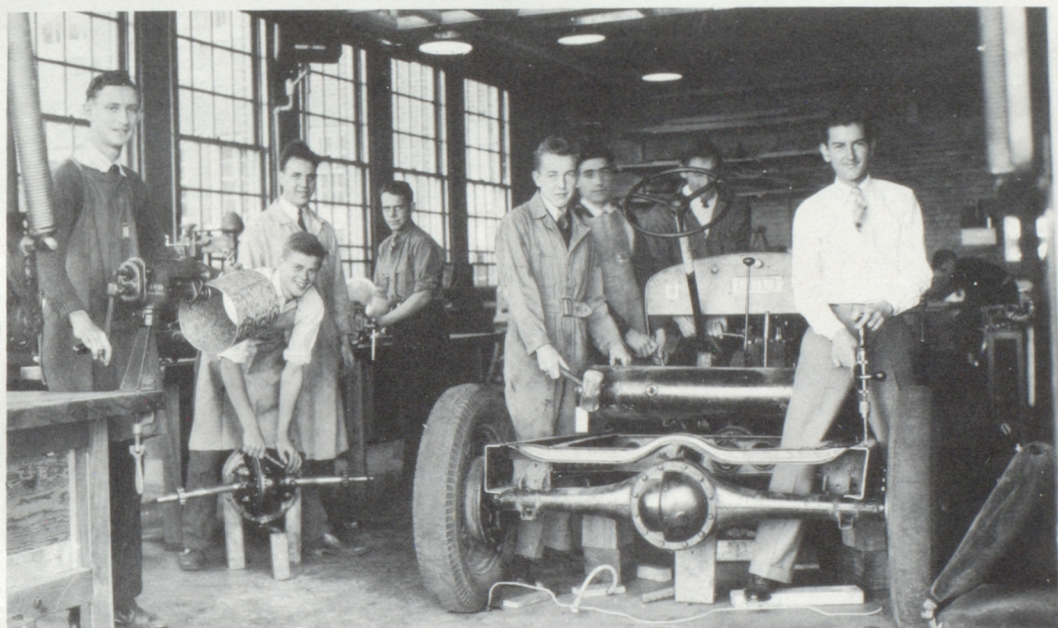
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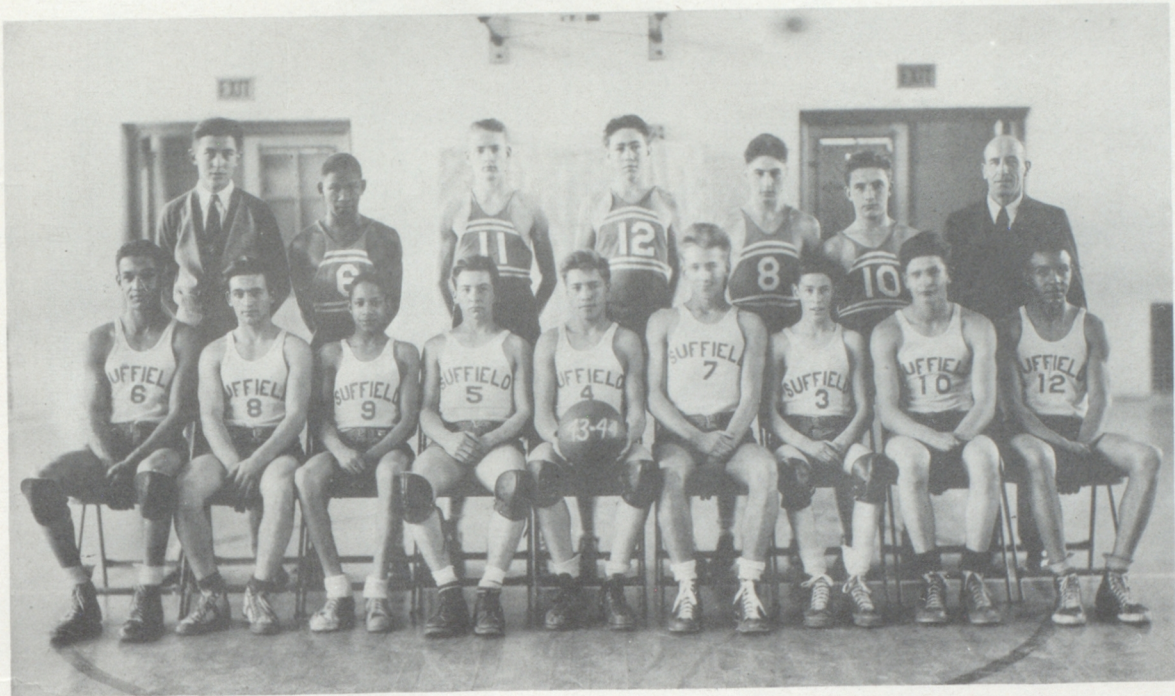


## CHEERLEADERS





# BOYS' BASKETBALL



## BASKETBALL TEAM

The Varsity Basketball Team was hit hard by graduation and did not establish an enviable record for the 1943-44 season. The team lacked height and was considerably smaller than most of its opponents. Many of the boys on the squad were under-classmen, several of whom showed considerable talent and ability. The brunt of bringing honor to the blue and white colors in the future will fall upon their shoulders.

Mr. Howard C. Brown took over the coaching duties the first of January, Mr. Milton Orcutt having resigned to take a position in the Springfield Schools.





### THE LIBRARY CLUB

*President*—Marilyn Orr

*Vice-President*—Beverley Hayden

*Secretary*—Dorothy Blakesley

*Treasurer*—Mary Lou Kingsbury

The Library Club runs the library. The members are the workers who stamp the books out, check them in, keep track of overdues and check the attendance. The girls in the Library Club also sponsor dances and other social events. In our bi-monthly meetings, suggestions are discussed and voted upon. The library is under the supervision of Miss Margaret Pomeroy.

### THE SENIOR DRAMATIC CLUB

The Senior Dramatic Club was organized in the late fall under the leadership of Miss Elizabeth Biggerstaff. The officers are:

*President*—Barbara Taylor

*Vice-President*—Charles Damon

*Secretary*—Jane Kingsbury



Twenty seniors joined this organization and during the year several one-act plays were given.



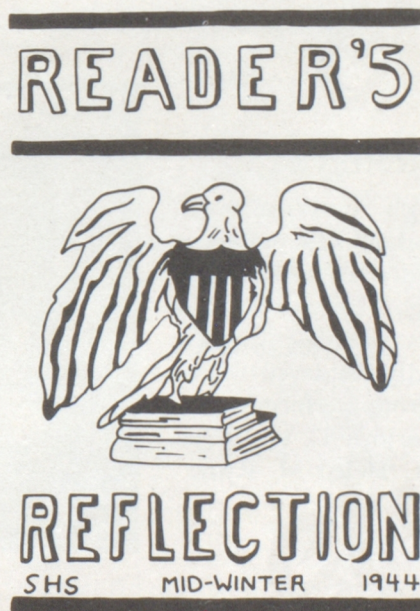


## READER'S REFLECTION STAFF

The Reader's Reflection, our school magazine, represents a very active group in Suffield High. The staff this year is headed by Gloria Smith, Editor-in-Chief and Margaret Trudo, Associate Editor. The members are always busy gathering news, library material and special features to interest the paper's many readers. The mimeographing department has charge of an important phase of the magazine.

This year the staff sponsored a dance in order to raise money to send issues to Suffield High boys in service, and as a result many of our boys in camps in the United States have expressed appreciation for the paper.

In March a delegation of ten members, accompanied by Miss Biggerstaff and Miss Conway, attended the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention in New York.





# MUSIC



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## BOYS' GLEE CLUB

The Boys' Glee Club sang, both as a group, and with the Girls' Glee Club at various programs and assemblies. Director: Marjorie G. Wolf; Accompanist: Ruth T. Convey.



## GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

This year the Girls' Glee Club did its part to "Keep America Singing" through participation in music assemblies and programs. Songs, ranging from the popular to the classic, proved an enjoyable experience for all. Director: Marjorie G. Wolf; Accompanist: Ruth T. Convey.

## ORCHESTRA

Through instrumental study in school, the orchestra grew rapidly in membership and ability. This year a drum outfit was purchased which was proudly displayed whenever the group performed. Director: Marjorie G. Wolf; Accompanist: Helen M. Rydz.







## CLASS HISTORY

In September, 1940, anyone entering the Suffield High School could not have helped noticing one particularly outstanding group of students. We were at last freshmen. Not to be outdone by the upperclassmen we held a class meeting and elected Henry Grabowski as president. The first half of the school year passed quickly. Coming back from the Christmas holidays we were told by friend teacher that exams were in preparation. Exams were new to us and we studied real hard for the next few weeks. Spring came quickly and soon the summer vacation was upon us, much to our joy.

We started the next school year right by electing Dorothy Blakesley as our president. In February we sponsored a Sweetheart Dance. Though this was our first dance it proved quite successful and helped increase our treasury considerably. We then began to think of class rings and the last two months of school were spent in looking over displays and deciding on the style we liked best.

September 1942 found us starting the last half of our high school life. We elected Francis Dunai as president; Frank Kotowski, vice-president; Alice Morris, secretary; Edward Zaczynski, treasurer. The big social event of the year was the Junior Prom. In keeping with the time, the committee chose red, white, and blue as the color scheme in decorating. Gloria Smith was chosen May Queen. Marjorie Ringland, Marjorie Sivula, Dorothy Blakesley, Elizabeth Coates, Barbara Taylor, and Shirley Munson served as attendants to the Queen.

At last came the day to which we had looked forward most, since first entering Suffield High School; that day in September when we entered school classified as Seniors. Having authority over the underclassmen and occupying the front seats at assemblies, with the other students standing as we marched proudly to our places, were only a few of the privileges given to us superior upperclassmen. But with these advantages came greater responsibilities. The Senior Patrol had charge of traffic in the school corridors.

At our first class meeting we elected James Ford as president; Charles Damon, vice-president; Alice Morris, secretary; Shirley Munson, treasurer. Before many weeks passed we began serious thinking on the subject of the year book. After much consideration we chose Alice Morris as chairman of the Yearbook Committee.

One rainy November day we Seniors traveled to the Brown Studio in Springfield to have our individual pictures taken. Shortly before Christmas we received the photographs which were not to be rivaled by the glamorous poses of the most striking Hollywood stars.

The Senior Dramatic Club, directed by Miss Biggerstaff, presented a number of one-act plays before several school assemblies. These proved to be highlights of the Senior Calendar.

All that's left now is graduation, which we are looking forward to. We shall be a little sorry to have it take place because with it we shall become men and women going out into the world to find our place.

As a last word we would like to pay tribute to those boys who, if they had not been called to serve their country, would be here graduating with us.

SHIRLEY MUNSON





Best Looking  
Shirley Munson  
Henry Kosinski



Best Dressed  
Irene Brackoneski  
James Ford



Best Sport  
Barbara Taylor  
Charles Damon



Most Respected  
Alice Morris  
James Ford



Most Likely to Succeed  
Gloria Smith  
Edward Zaczynski



Quietest  
Rose Mae Destromp  
Stanley Labounty



Best Dancer  
Barbara Taylor  
Malcolm Brockett



Noisiest  
Patricia McKenna  
William Daley



Best Personality  
Leona Malinoski  
Francis Dunst





Done Most For Class  
Alice Morris  
Charles Damon



Cutest  
Frances Morell  
Kenneth Dayton



Biggest Flirt  
Marie Rehnberg  
Henry Grabowski



Most Studious  
Gloria Smith  
Edward Zaczynski



Woman Hater  
John Jurkowski

Man Hater  
Rose Mae Destromp



Uncle Sam's Best  
David O'Brien  
(Sailor)  
Edwin Sheldon  
(Marine)



Class Wit  
Barbara Taylor  
William Daley



Best Athlete  
Viola Duni  
Armond Conte



Midget  
Marjorie Sivula  
Armond Conte



# Class Prophecy ~

Time: 1984.

Scene: Uncle Sam's library.

*Uncle Sam:* Remember back in 1944, when the seniors were getting ready to graduate?

*Columbia:* Of course I do, Sam. Most of the boys were getting ready to go into some branch of the armed service. And quite a few of the girls, too. I wonder what became of them. Let's look in our family album and see. (Columbia goes out and returns carrying a large book. Sam takes it and flicks through the pages until he finds what he wants.)

*Uncle Sam:* Ah, here we are. Here's a snap of Marcus Deane, Stanley LaBounty, and Richard Hastings. Mark stayed in the Navy after the war and now he's an Admiral. Stanley and Richy gave it up to go back to the farm.

Here is another of some fellows in Navy uniforms, Bud Brockett, Charles Damon, Kenneth Dayton, and James Edmonds. Bud came back to become the world's most famous rhumba dancer. Chick's hobby of photography made him famous as a fingerprint expert with the F. B. I., Kenny is an overseer in the Bigelow-Sanford Plant, and James became the world's champion boxer.

*Columbia:* Here is a picture taken in Washington, D. C., of some girls who went there to be secretaries. Lois Bailey became secretary to Leona Malinoski, president of the National League of Women Voters. Julia Beach worked for Secretary of War, Stanley Zukowski. Julia informed me that Ann Ptak and Agnes Phillips couldn't stand city life and came back to Suffield to take positions in the Suffield National Bank. Jane Organek took a position as private secretary with the James Ford and Co. on Easy Street.

*Uncle Sam:* Oh, by the way, Bill Daley, chief aircraft designer for the Thomas Kennedy Aero Corporation, told me that he and Francis Dunai, Suffield's new Chief of Police, stopped in to have a bite of lunch at that new restaurant on Depot Street, "The Burpe and Belch Shoppe." They found it was managed by none other than that crafty Henry Kosinski. After going around with the revolving door several times they finally landed in the swanky lobby. They checked their hats with a rather pretty girl, Pat McKenna. The popularity of this establishment is due to the fine cooking under the direction of Frances Sharpe.

*Columbia:* Here is a picture of the beaming prima donna, Shirley Munson, of Marjorie Ringland's Light Opera Company, and Helen Rydz, concert pianist. Society sections in all newspapers carried an item about the piano concert which she gave for the benefit of the Red Cross at Carnegie Hall.

*Uncle Sam:* Girls and more girls! Ensign Dorothy Blakesley in her natty Waves' uniform and Helen Falkowski, who joined the Wacs. I have heard that Helen is back in Africa selling Dan Cupid's Cutie Face Cream to the natives. Rose-May Destromp's Dancing Troupe toured the army camps here and abroad. Why here is Helen Koc in the front row and isn't that Florence Zenisky right next to her?



*Columbia:* Here is a picture of Ed Zaczynski wearing the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Henry Grabowski, the lad who downed twenty-seven Jap planes.

*Uncle Sam:* John Jurkowski is the fellow who was almost shot because he was caught dragging a battleship home for a souvenir.

*Columbia:* Here's a photo of Viola Duni who became Suffield's newspaper reporter. She told me about Frances Morrell, Marjorie Sivula, Jane Kingsbury, and Anna Edmonds. Anna became a singing star in Hollywood. Jane is at present Dean of Women at Mapleton Hall, College for Girls, and Frances and Marjorie became bareback riders in Paul Haas' Circus now showing at Riverside Park. Viola also told me that Irene Brackoneski and Eleanor Durnakowski joined the ranks of the well-known Powers' models of New York and Hollywood.

*Uncle Sam:* Here's a picture of Barbara Taylor, the girl that became a famous movie actress. When she was young she was always looking for a man and she finally got one when she was forty.

*Columbia:* I just read in the Reader's Reflection that Gloria Smith is appearing in May Queen this week at the Hastings Hill Playhouse.

When I was in Frances Korpusinski's Beauty Salon the other day I heard that Suffield's largest and most modern department store is now under new management. June Hinckley and Eleanor Modzelesky are part owners. Regina Radziewski has charge of their payroll, Mary Letty Sheldon is in their advertising department, and Dorothy Sweatland is personnel manager.

*Uncle Sam:* Nurses! Beth Coates, Alice Morris, Marie Rehnberg, and Anne Smiegel. Beth saw service in the South Pacific theater. After the war she came back and married her childhood sweetheart. Flight nurse, Alice Morris kept right on nursing after the war and became head nurse at the West Suffield Hospital. Marie and Anne didn't stay in nursing long before they married, Anna, a famous Boston Neck surgeon and Marie a prominent Suffield business man.

*Columbia:* Sam, I'd like to take a ride to West Suffield Mountain and see how work is progressing on the new thousand room hotel. Where do you suppose Frank Kotowski ever got the money to put up a place like that? Suffield has reason to be proud of architect Jack Kennedy.

*Uncle Sam:* Yes, and Ed Zdun, too. He's doing the landscaping and building the golf course. Armand Conte is to have charge of sports and the swimming pool when the project is completed. Say, let's go out this afternoon. I'll call the Frank Pysz Snappy Taxi Service right away.

*Columbia:* Fine! Suffield is certainly growing and becoming a prominent place in the world. As I look back it's the 1944 graduates that are largely responsible for much of its progress.

*Uncle Sam:* Yes, they were a nice group—all true Americans—Yours and mine!

BARBARA TAYLOR

BUD BROCKETT



# Last Will and Testament of the Class of 1944

We, the class of 1944, in making our last will and testament, bequeath to our alma mater, Suffield High School, our undying loyalty.

To Mr. Sisson we leave our heartfelt thanks for his help and guidance during our four years at Suffield High.

To Mr. McAlister we bequeath our gratitude and appreciation for the privilege of attending Suffield High School.

To Gertrude Israel we bequeath an escalator—we can hope, can't we?

To Mr. Davis we leave the chemistry lab—still intact.

To Miss Biggerstaff we leave appreciation for the helpful advice that she has willingly given us.

To Mr. Brown we leave a pair of automatic finger snappers for use in study halls.

Individual bequests:

1. Lois Bailey leaves her curly hair to Helen Markowski.
2. Edward Zdun leaves in that high flying Plymouth.
3. Jack Kennedy leaves on sound-proof shoes.
4. Julia Beach leaves her good nature to Jessie Majeski.
5. Thomas Kennedy leaves his "dryness" to Thomas Kopernik.
6. Dorothy Blakesley leaves her sweet smile to Frances Laskowski.
7. Bud Brockett leaves after having enjoyed to the utmost his ever-remembered school days.
8. Anna Edmonds leaves her studious ways to any deserving Junior.
9. Charles Damon leaves to see if the rule proves true, "A girl in every port."
10. Helen Falkowski leaves her pleasant manner to Theresa Conte.
11. Alice Morris leaves her scarlet blush to any so inclined Junior.
12. Stanley LaBounty leaves after having added a little humor to our high school days.
13. Frances Morell leaves her shyness and unassuming manner to Barbara Coates.
14. Frank Pysz leaves with that little bit of a mustache.
15. John Jurkowski leaves his ability to "woman hate" to Bill Caldwell, although we deem it impossible.
16. Jane Kingsbury leaves her way with the boys to Nellie Glemboski.
17. Armand Conte leaves his ability on the athletic field to Louis Cannon.
18. Mary-Elizabeth Coates leaves to find Marcus Deane.
19. Henry Kosinski leaves with that troublesome car of his.
20. Rose-May Destromp leaves her intriguing quietness to Beverley Hayden.
21. Viola Duni leaves her title, "Captain of the Cheer Leaders," to any Junior successor.
22. Kenneth Dayton leaves, still blushing about the class vote of the "cutest boy in the Senior Class."

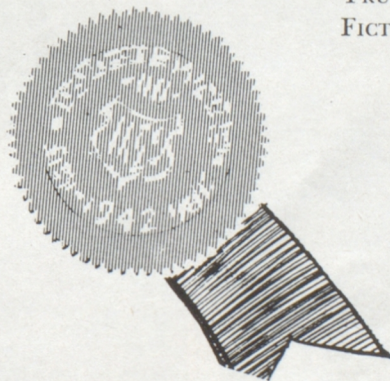


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23. Eleanor Durnakowski leaves her well-kept hair to any lucky underclassman.
24. William Daley leaves with a pocket full of witty remarks.
25. James Edmonds leaves for the navy.
26. Helen Koc leaves her hair of "flame" to Jennie Kozikowski.
27. Henry Grabowski leaves after having caused all the boys to wish for a paper doll.
28. Jane Organek leaves her efficiency to Betty Underwood.
29. Edward Zaczynski leaves his ability to be successful in anything he attempts to Jackie Fleming.
30. Frances Korpusinski leaves her artistic ability to Peggy Cole.
31. Stanley Zukowski leaves his sleepy ways to Walter Hyjeck.
32. Marjorie Ringland leaves to keep track of a sum of money that she found a year or so ago. Oh, yes, it was a "Penny."
33. Shirley Munson leaves her tall slimness to Edna Prattson.
34. Marjorie Sivula leaves her lack of height to Frances Lewandowski.
35. Agnes Phillips leaves her quick smile to Marilyn Orr.
36. Regina Radziewski leaves her giggles to any sophisticated Junior. Are there really some?
37. June Hinckley leaves her ability to tell jokes to Mary Kement.
38. Patricia McKenna leaves her neat feather bob to Alberta Adams.
40. James Ford leaves Marilyn Orr—rather reluctantly.
41. Eleanor Modzelesky leaves her sophisticated ways to—well, all the Juniors could use a little.
42. Paul Haas leaves for the wide-open spaces of West Suffield.
43. Ann Ptak leaves with a large variety of clothes that has kept her looking neat daily.
44. Richard Hastings leaves his big bass voice to Roy Gallant.
45. Leona Malinoski leaves her inability to sustain a good argument to Dorothy Shreck.
46. Frank Kotowski leaves after having acquired a wealth of knowledge.
47. Gloria Smith leaves the Readers Reflection to Margaret Trudo.
48. Helen Rydz leaves the mimeoscope to Jean King.
49. Irene Brackoneski leaves her ability to dress neatly to Barbara Noble.
50. Barbara Taylor leaves her good sportsmanship to Margaret Butchon.
51. Florence Zeisky leaves her jolly manner to Adele Porgarzeliski.
52. Marie Rehnberg leaves her "swing and sway" walk to Sammy Kaye.
53. Anne Smiegel leaves Hazel Campbell her long walk to school.
54. Frances Sharpe leaves with those big brown eyes.
55. Mary Letty Sheldon leaves her dimples to Jeanne Palmer.
56. Dorothy Sweatland leaves to play her guitar to the soldiers at the "Stage Door Canteen."

Witnesses:

TRUTH  
FICTION

















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David Archibald	George Greenleaf	Thomas O'Brien
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Walter Bednaz	Reuben Harris, Jr.	James Prophet
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Malcolm Brockett	Iver Jensen	John Rapacki
Stanley Burel	Frank Kozloski	Stanley Rapacki
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Marcus Deane	Buris Majewski	William Stratton
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Vincent Druzolowski	George Matuck	Charles Tenero
Walter Dunn	Hugh Mearkle	Myron Tower
Henry Durnakowski	Aloysius Minich	Vernon Trudo
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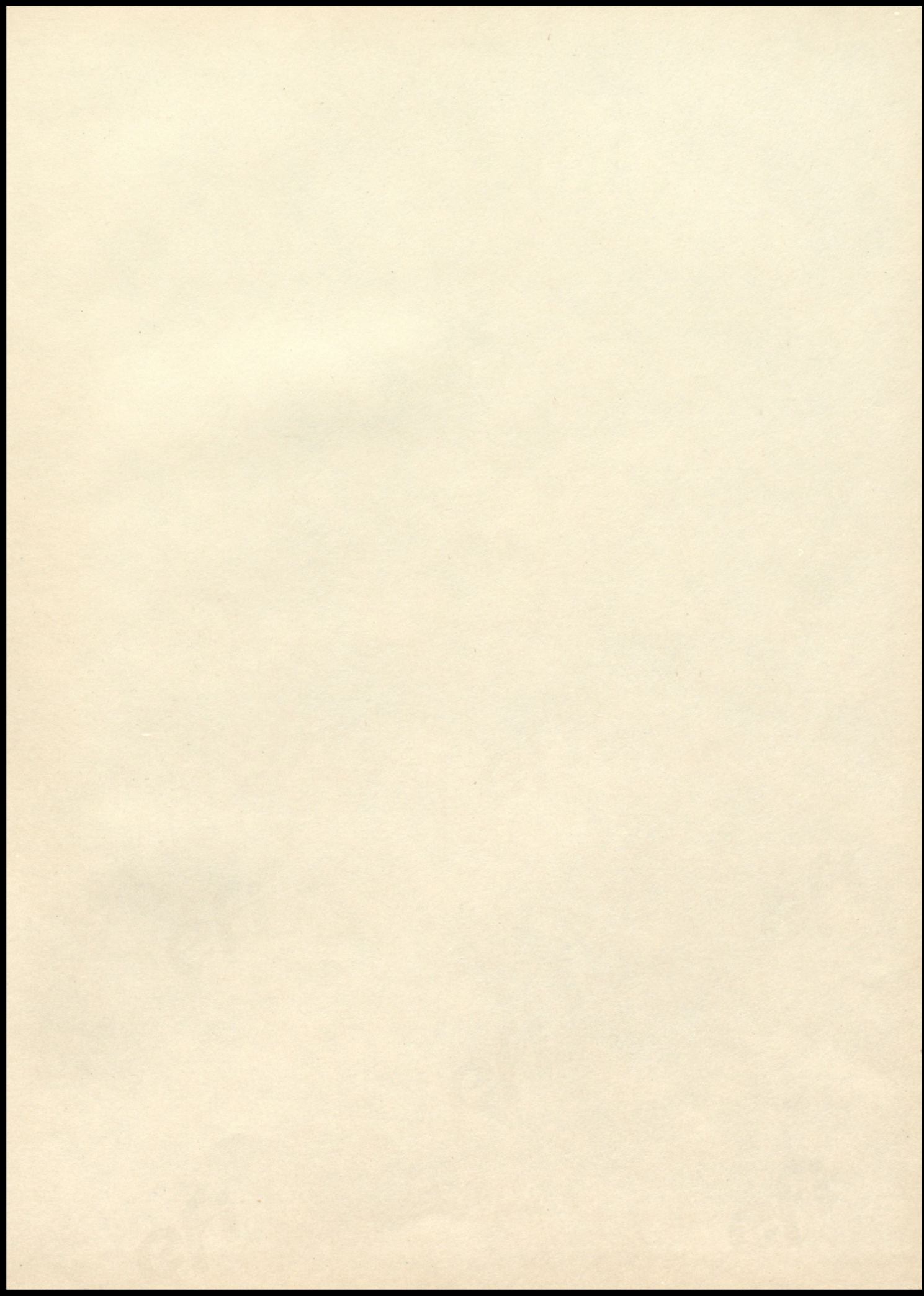
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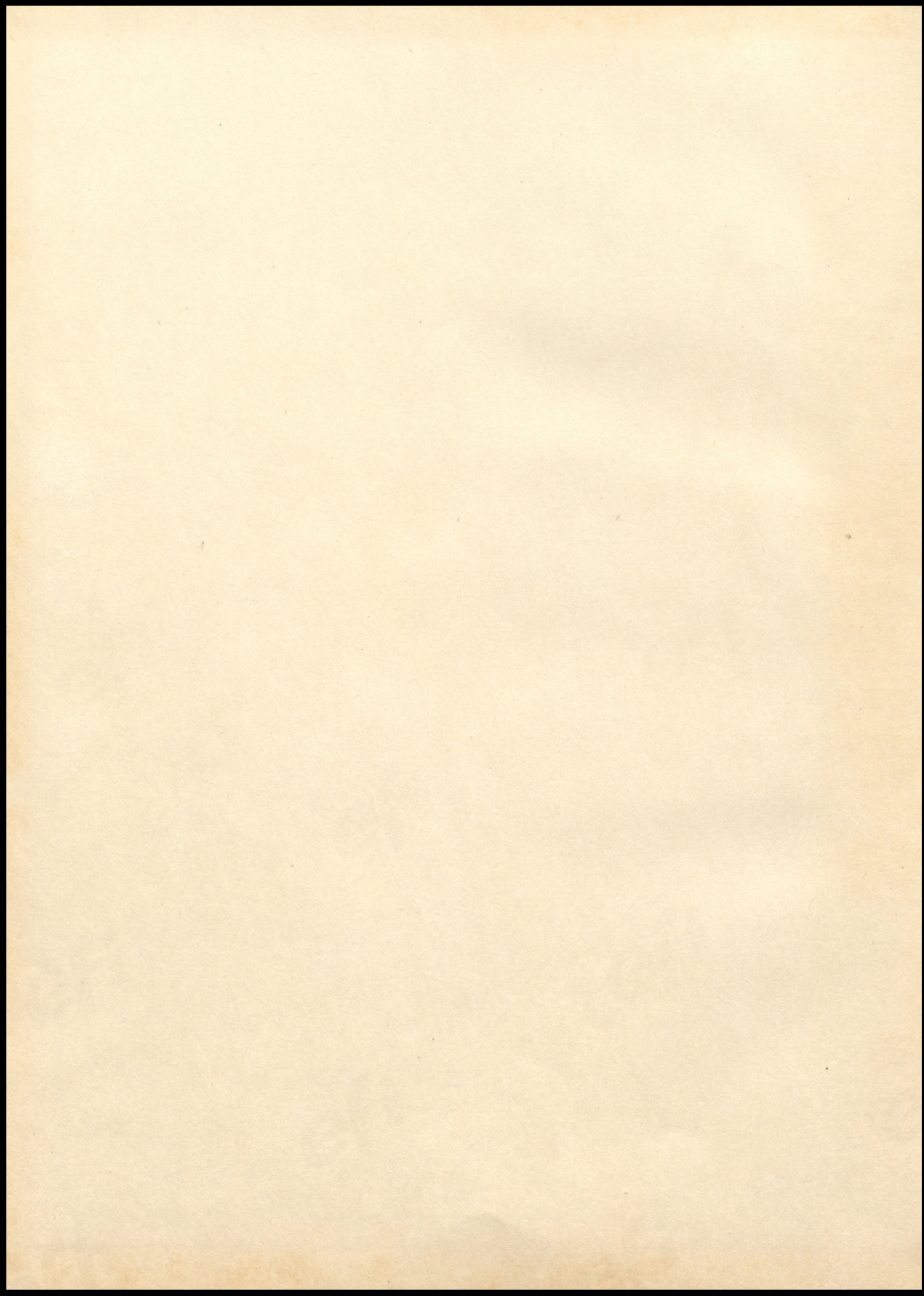


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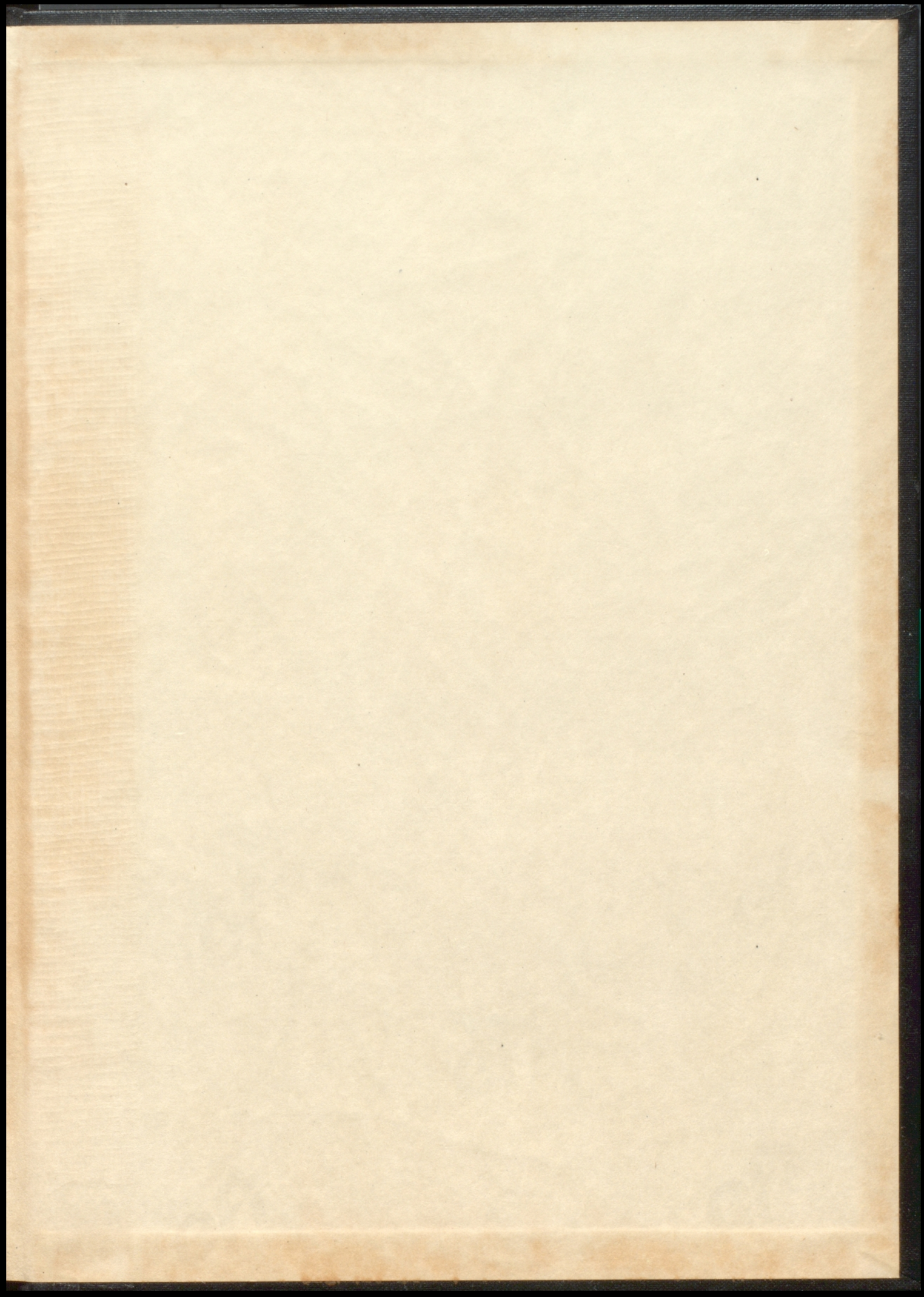














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